

Mrs Olive Savige was appointed as Patron of the ACRS National Council.

The ACRS appreciates her many years of service to the Society and in the promotion of camellias both in Australia and overseas.

From the time her husband Tom Savige joined the ACRS in 1956 until his death in 1999, Olive was a tremendous support to him in all his work for camellias in the ACRS and ICS. Later she became a member in her own right.

Olive developed a wide knowledge of camellia cultivars and became an accredited



judge of camellias at National Shows and camellia shows of the Hume and other societies and the Albury Horticultural Society.

In the company of Tom, Olive attended numerous Annual Meetings of the ACRS, and travelled overseas on many occasions to attend congresses of the ICS and visit camellia enthusiasts in many countries.

At home Olive has been an excellent gardener and helped Tom develop his wonderful garden at Wirlinga, where Tom name one of his excellent seedlings 'Sweet Olive' after her.

She has been a wonderful hostess and has frequently entertained camellia visitors from overseas and from throughout Australia at her home. When the Hume Branch of ACRS held the National Congress in Albury, Olive was always the hostess for the final luncheon at her home and some very enjoyable times were had there by all who attended.

At her home in Thurgoona, NSW, camellia visitors are always welcome.